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Safety Alert

Date: April 27, 1993

TO: All Facility Safety Heads

FROM: 429/Head, Risk Management Branch, SSQRD

SUBJECT: Safety Release--Compliance with "Entry into and Work in
          Confined Spaces" per General Industry OSHA Standard
          1910.146--Identification of Confined Spaces

Response Due Date: May 15, 1993

The Center is updating the policy for confined space entry and developing
procedures to assure compliance with the above reference.

Confined space means a space that:

(1)   Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily
       enter and perform assigned work; and

(2)   Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit (for example,
       tanks, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, and pits
       are spaces that may have limited means of entry); and

(3)   Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.

Each Facility Safety Head, with assistance from Facility Coordinators, is
required to survey their area of responsibility and list on the form
provided, any areas which may meet the confined space definition and
indicate whether these areas are currently posted.   Consult your last
Industrial Hygiene Audit for previously identified confined spaces.

All confined spaces will subsequently be posted and entry controlled by
permit and/or formal written procedures.   Your response will be
analyzed and reviewed by Safety Management Section (SMS) personnel
with additional actions taken to provide compliance with the above
Standard.   A listing of all confined spaces will be maintained by the SMS,
and confined space standard awareness training provided in the near
future.

The enclosed NIOSH pamphlet "Confined Spaces" will assist you in the conduct of the survey. It can also assist you in conducting awareness training and safety meetings in your facility.

If additional information is required contact Mr. C. B. Zeitman, Head, Safety Management Section at extension 43371.

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Enclosure

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TO: 429/Head, Risk Management Branch, SSQRD

FROM: ___/_____,FSH, Bldg(s). _____

CONFINED SPACE SUMMARY

Area Name	Location	Currently Posted? Yes/No	Frequency of Entry
1.			
2.			
3.			
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